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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF CANAL ZONE MILITARY TRAINING SCHOOLS

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1. THIS REPLIES TO REFTEL. RESPONSES BELOW ARE KEYED TO
CORRESPONDING PARAGRAPHS IN QUESTIONNAIRE.

A. IMET PROGRAM FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IS DEVELOPED IN
CLOSE COORDINATION WITH HOST COUNTRY ARMED FORCES, BASED ON DR
REQUIREMENTS, PROGRAMMED FUNDS, AND COURSES AVAILABLE IN CONUS
AND CANAL ZONE MILITARY SCHOOLS. DR PERCEPTIONS AND MAAG RECOM-
MENDATIONS ARE MELDED INTO VIABLE IMET PROGRAM THAT ESTABLISHES
PRIORITIES BASED ON DR NEEDS AND US TRAINING CAPABILITIES. THIS
PLANNING IS CARRIED OUT IN A CONTINUUM AND IS NOT INITIATED BY
EITHER MAAG OR DR ALONE. TO DATE, WE HAVE CONCURRED IN PRIORITIES
OF DR ARMED FORCES. DR AIR FORCE HAS RECENTLY PROPOSED A CHANGE
IN PRIORITIES FOR FY 78, WHICH WE CURRENTLY HAVE UNDER STUDY.
B. TRAINING FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED TO RESPECTIVE SERVICE DEPARTMENTS
BY CHIEF MAAG AFTER COORDINATION WITHIN MAAG.
C. "FENCING" HAS AFDECTED IMET DEVELOPMENT SEVERELY. EIGHTY PER-
CENT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR FY 77 HAVE BEEN FENCED TO MEET COSTS
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OF USARSA AND IAAFA. DOMINICAN ARMED FORCES ARE UNABLE OR UNWILLING
(DUE TO FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS) TO PAY TRAVEL AND/OR LIVING ALLOWGA
ANCES TO CONUS OR CANAL ZONE FOR TRAINING. DR ARMY AND AIR FORCE
HAVE DELETED SOME PROFESSIONAL AND NUMEROUS TECHNICAL COURSES, IN
ORDER TO COVER OTHER HIGHER PRIORITY PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN THE
CZMS. NAVY HAS DROPPED ALL BUT A HANDFUL OF COURSES ALREADY IN
PROGRESS IN ORDER TO ASSIST ARMY AND AIRFORCE AND TO GARNER FUNDS

FOR TWO NAVY STUDENTS AT PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN CONUS, FOR WHICH ADEQUATE FUNDS ARE STILL NOT AVAILABLE. A TOTAL OF 59 CZ STUDENTS AND 14 CONUS STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM THE PROGRAM. TO DATE, FUNDING HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR 38 STUDENTS IN CZ AND NONE IN CONUS.

D. GIVEN FREEDOM OF CHOICE AS TO LOCATION AND TYPES OF TRAINING, DR WOULD HAVE REQUESTED SAME MIXES FOR CZ AND FOR CONUS TRAINING AS WERE ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED FOR FY 76, FY 77 AND FY 78. COURSES AND NUMBERS OF STUDENTS WOULD BE GENERALLY AS LISTED IN PARAS G AND H BELOW.

E. NONE.

F. NONE.

G. IF IMET FUNDS ARE DISCONTINUED ONLY FOR TECHNICAL AND RELATED TRAINING, DR WOULD NOT PAY FOR SUCH TRAINING, BUT WOULD PROBABLY REQUEST FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, PROVIDED ALL COSTS WERE PAID BY US:

BRANCH	COURSE	NO. OF SPACES	LOCATION
ARMY	COMMAND AND GEN STAFF	4	CZ
ARMY	INFANTRY OFF QUAL	27	CZ
ARMY	OBSERVER TRAINING	1	CZ
COAST GUARD	OCS	2	CONUS
NAVY	NAVY COMMAND COLLEGE	1	CONUS
NAVY	OCS	2	CONUS
NAVY	NAVY STAFF COLLEGE	2	CONUS
AF	SQUADRON OFFICERS SCHOOL	5	CONUS
AF	COMMAND AND GEN STAFF	5	CONUS
ARMY	NCO LEADERSHIP	3	CZ

H. IF IMET FUNDING WERE DISCONTINUED FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
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ONLY, DR WOULD SEND FEW STUDENTS IF ANY TO CONUS (PERHAPS ONE STUDENT TO SQUADRON OFFICER SCHOOL) BUT WOULD PROBABLY OPT FOR TECHNICAL AND RELATED TRAINING AS FOLLOWS, PROVIDED US PAID ALL COSTS:

BRANCH	COURSE	NO. OF SPACES	LOCATION
ARMY:	ENGINEER TRACTOR/GRADER OPER.	2	CZ
	SMALL ARMS REPAIR	1	CZ
	WHEELED VEH MEC	3	CZ
	MAINT NCO SUPERVISOR	2	CZ
	ENGINEER EQUIP MECH	3	CZ
	MILITARY INTELL NCO	3	CZ
	AUTOMOTIVE MAINT OFFICER	2	CZ
	PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	3	CZ
	COMMUNICATION MTT	N/A	CZ
NAVY:	FOREIGN SUPPLY OFFICER	1	CONUS
	STOREKEEPER	1	CONUS
	ELECTRONICS BASIC/ADVANCED	2	CONUS
	GYRO TECHNICIAN	1	CONUS
	ELECTRICAL-INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS	1	CONUS

SHIPYARD MANAGEMENT 1 CONUS
MACHINE REPAIRMAN 1 CONUS
HULL TECHNICIAN 2 CONUS
ELECTRICIANS MATE BASIC/ADVANCED 2 CONUS
HOSPITAL TECH & LAB TECH 1 CONUS
SPECIALIZED MACHINERY REPAIR 1 CONUS
PATROL BOAT ENG/REFRIG SYSTEMS 6 CZ
OASIC ENG/ELECT SYSTEMS 6 CZ
BASIC DECK SEAMANSHIP (PATROL BOAT)
6 CZ
PATROL BOAT COMMANDERS COURSE 6 CZ
MISC ENG SPECIALIZED COURSES 4 CZ
CARTOGRAPHY 1 CONUS/CZ
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY 1 CONUS/CZ
NAUTICAL CHART CONSTRUCTION 1 CZ
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT REPAIR
1 CZ

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PATTERN-MAKER 1 CONUS
MOLDER 1 CONUS
ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS 1 CONUS

AIR FORCE (SUBJECT TO STUDY OF NEW PRIORITIES RECENTLY PROPOSED
BY DR AIR CHIEF OF STAFF):

ACFT/MECHANIC/RECIP 2 CZ
ACFT ELECTRICAL REPAIR 2 CZ
ACFT PROPELLER REPAIR 2 CZ
RECIP ENGINE MECH 4 CZ
ACFT MAINTENANCE/HELICOPTER 5 CZ
ACFT MAINTENANCE SUPV 3 CZ
AIR OPERATIONS OFFICER 2 CZ
WEAPONS MECHANIC 4 CZ
AIRCRAFT PNEUDRAULIC 4 CZ

I. DR WOULD PROBABLY MEET ITS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS BY ESTABLISHING
ITS OWN LIMITED TRAINING PROGRAM WITH ASSISTANCE OF MTT'S, AS
AVAILABLE, AND BY REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER NATIONS
(SPANISH SPEAKING) SUCH AS VENEZUELA AND SPAIN.

J. (I) SELECTION PROCESS: DR ARMY RECEIVES COURSE QUOTA FROM MAAG.
ARMY G-3 CHECKS PREREQUISITES FOR EACH COURSE AND SUBMITS THESE
REQUIREMENTS TO G-1. G-1 SCREENS RECORDS OF ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL AND
SUBMITS NOMINEES THROUGH CHIEF OF STAFF AND SECRETARY OF STATE OF
ARMED FORCES TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER. PRESIDENT DETERMINES ULTIMATELY
WHO WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO STUDY ABROAD. NAVY AND AIR FORCE
PROCESSES ARE SIMILAR WITH THE ADDITIONAL PREREQUISITE OF ENGLISH
COMPREHENSION.

(II) YES.

K. DOMINICAN NAVY, AIR FORCE AND ARMY HAVE ADEQUATE ENGLISH
TRAINING FACILITIES (LABORATORY) PLUS QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS. SOME
OF THE EQUIPMENT IS OLD BUT WORKABLE. RESULT OF THE USG NOT PAYING
ALL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING COSTS WOULD PROBABLY FORCE DOMINICAN

ARMED FORCES TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN CAPABILITIES, HOWEVER GREATER LEADTIME WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE ADEQUATE ENGLISH COMPREHENSION IN PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS.

L. DOMINICAN REACTION TO SCHOOLS IN CONUS WITH COURSES INSTRUCTED IN SPANISH WOULD BE FAVORABLE, PARTICULARLY IF COURSES WERE AT A CONFIDENTIAL

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NEARBY POINT SUCH AS FLORIDA. THIS MIGHT INDUCE DR TO PAY FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION ON THE NATIONAL AIRLINE.

2. WE HAVE ALREADY MADE KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT (SANTO DOMINGO 868) OUR VIEW THAT NEW FUNDS MUST BE FOUND IF OUR IMET PROGRAM IS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO DR MILITARY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.
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